

TURKISH CAMPAIGN IN PERSIA FAILURE

and Duke Nicholas' Success
Brings Him Back Into Military Prominence.

By J. W. T. MASON.
NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia has come back into military prominence by directing a campaign in northern Persia, which is taking from the Turks their only success of the war.

This is undoubtedly the explanation of a brief announcement from Petrograd that a Russian force is within forty-five miles of Teheran, the capital of Persia, and that the Shah, the Germans, and the Turks are preparing to flee. At the beginning of Turkey's entrance into the war the capture of northern Persia was one of the Turks' principal objectives.

Is Russia's Sphere.
Northern Persia is Russia's sphere of influence, and is, for practical purposes, a Russian possession. To make Persia a dependency of the Ottoman empire has for many years been an ambition of the Turks.

The Turkish campaign which opened along the eastern Asia Minor front failed in the Russian Caucasus, but has been successful in Persia. The Russian forces in the northern Persia districts were driven back to their own territory early in the present year and Turkish and German influence have been reported as being supreme at Teheran.

The loss of northern Persia has been a serious blow for Russia, and the redemption of the conquered territory evidently began to enter into the plans of the Grand Duke Nicholas when he was appointed viceroy of the Caucasus, two months ago. The intervening time has been amply sufficient to permit him

to direct a sudden offensive against the Turks in northern Persia.

It is apparent that the Turks have been taken by surprise or there would have been reports of battles being fought by the grand duke's advancing troops.

Probably the Ottomans have grown careless and have permitted discipline to deteriorate during the long months of inactivity after their occupation of the Persian territory.

Doubtless, too, the demand for ammunition on the Gallipoli peninsula and in Thrace has seriously depleted the supply in Persia. The Grand Duke Nicholas, under these conditions, might well have rushed an expeditionary corps to within forty-five miles of Teheran without meeting serious resistance.

If the Turkish troops continue ineffective and if Teheran falls to the new viceroy of the Caucasus, the grand duke will have largely wiped out the disgrace of his recent removal from the supreme command of the Russian armies. The victory will be a very important one for Russia, and must cause serious uneasiness to the Turkish government at Constantinople.

Policeman Injured by Fall From His Wheel

Bicycle Policeman Williams, of the Eighth precinct, was injured when he was thrown from his wheel, while chasing a speeding automobile late yesterday.

Williams followed the machine south on First street northwest from Bryant to W street. At that point he turned and in endeavoring to avoid a collision with a wagon, was thrown. Williams' right elbow was cut and his right knee badly bruised.

Approves Designs for Lincoln Highway Signs

Designs for the signs to attract tourists over the Lincoln Highway feeder that will pass through Washington have been approved.

Col. Robert N. Harper, of the local Lincoln Highway committee, announces that the signs will be forty by fifty feet and will portray the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the dome of the Capitol. One of the signs will be erected in North Philadelphia and the other at Gettysburg, where the roads fork, one leading to Philadelphia and the other to this city.

Four Hurt in Cyclone Succumb to Injuries

GREAT BEND, Kans., Nov. 12.—Four more of the severely injured in Wednesday's tornado died here during the night.

Three others are in local hospitals in a serious condition.

Great Bend today announced it will not need outside aid. More homes have been thrown open for the destitute than were needed.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. Bureau. At 6 a. m. At 10 a. m. At 2 p. m. At 6 p. m.

High tide at 12:18 a. m. and 6:37 p. m.

Low tide at 6:19 a. m. and 6:37 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rose at 6:25. Sun sets at 4:51.

Light automobile lamps at 5:27 p. m.

LIBRARY HEADS CALL NOVELS BEST BOOKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Recent official suggestion that for municipal economy the New York public library stop buying and circulating fiction will be the subject of an article in the Branch Library News. The article resents the implication that "trashy novels" are intentionally added to the public library, and says selections are carefully made.

"There are a few extremists," it goes on, "to whom all novels are 'trash'; they denounce poetry and imaginative literature generally in the same way. The books of 'solid fact,' time tables, telephone directories and arithmetics are the only kind of reading to which they condescend."

"To eliminate fiction altogether from the public library would be most unwise. Much of the best thought of the day is first presented in the form of fiction. Novels are branded as 'fiction' and are sometimes condemned without discrimination, as though fiction meant untruth in a moral sense. A novel may contain as much truth as a biography, a work of philosophy or of science or a piece of historical writing."

"These claims to be 'fact,' but experience shows that this is sometimes only a claim. A novel goes forth to the world as a 'made-up' story, about people who never existed and events which never took place, yet it may represent human character more sympathetically or describe manners and customs of people with more force than any book of fact could possibly do."

"Far from being the class of books which the library could best afford to drop, novels are among the last which a public library should relinquish. Instead of issuing 'trashy novels' to its readers the New York Public Library circulates a surprisingly large proportion of the very best works of standard fiction and a careful selection from the writings of living novelists."

Wallace Irwin to Wed.

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